(d) The provisional percentage production of Nitrogen (N) and Phosphate (P) in public, coopearative and private sector in 1999-2000 was as under :

(percentage)

Sector	N*	P*
Public	32	23
Cooperative	23	21
Private	45	56
Total :	100	100

*Provisional.

Privatisation of National Fertilizers Ltd.

4266. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to privatise National Fertilizers Ltd.;

(b) if so, what amount is likely to be fetched by the State; and

(c) by when the proposals likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) to (c) The proposal to disinvest 51% of Government of India shareholding in National Fertilizers Ltd., is at an initial stage and the amount likely to accrue to Government of India from this disinvestment and the timeframe within which the proposal is likely to be implemented will depend on the competitive bidding process which is proposed to be done by following a transparent procedure which itself will take time.

Transfer of IDPL to Health and Family Welfare

4267. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether representations have been received to bring Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. at Hyderabad under the control of Ministry of Health

and Family Welfare, as it is the biggest bulk drug manufacturer in the country and supplies products to that Ministry;

(b) if so, whether requests made therefor have been considered sympathically; and

(c) the action taken for revival of IDPL and transfer to the Health and Family Welfare Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) to (c) Representations have been received for transfer of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. No decision has been taken by Government to transfer the administrative control of IDPL to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The operations relating to bulk drugs manufacture in the plants of IDPL have stopped since October, 1996. The company has been referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction in terms of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. The future of the company, including revival, would be determined by the proceedings and the final decision of the BIFR.

Availability of Potash Fertilisers to Andhra Pradesh

4268. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been requested to advise M/s. IPL to make available the balance committed quantity of MOP (Potash fertiliser) to Andhra Pradesh during current Kharif season, alongwith SOP, to meet farmers' requirement on time; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) and (b) No specific request has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for arranging supply of Muriate of Potash (MOP)/Sulphate of Potash (SOP) from M/s. Indian Potash Limited (IPL) during Kharif 2000. Moreover, both MOP and SOP are decontrolled fertilisers and their imports are decanalised. Then, there are no State-wise allocations and supply as well as movement are undertaken by importers as per the market requirement.